

CARDINAL GIBBONS SAILS FOR CONCLAVE AT ROME

American Primate Goes to Paris Direct and May Wait There for Meeting of Cardinals—He Will Not Talk of Possibility of Elevation of American to Papacy.

Cardinal Gibbons, accompanied by his acting secretary, the Rev. P. C. Galvin, sailed for Rome to-day via Havre on La Touraine.

"Do you think that an American Cardinal will be a prominent candidate for the Papacy?" he was asked.

Cardinal Gibbons made no reply, but his gray eyes snapped and sparkled and his kindly, humorous mouth expanded in a smile. The names of several Cardinals were suggested by the reporter in connection with the succession.

"It is a sacred subject, the subject of an election by the Sacred College of Rome," Cardinal Gibbons said. "It cannot be discussed at a time like this."

"The tradition that a foreigner shall not rise to the Papacy no longer carries any force," he said in response to a question.

"The vitality of the Pope is remarkable, and I consider the unimpairment of his mental faculties amazing in view of his extreme illness," he continued. "His mind is apparently as clear and as active as ever. I attribute his remarkable recuperative powers to the slightness of his body. Disease finds little place to gain a hold."

EXPECTS QUICK ELECTION.

"If I am called to Rome by the Pope's death I will leave Paris in time to be present at the meeting of the College of Cardinals within nine days after the dissolution of the Holy Father. It is probable that matters have already been expedited in order that the Cardinals may be put to as little inconvenience as possible. I cannot say how long the conclave will last, but the election will no doubt be held without undue delay."

"Pope Leo was a dear friend and a father to me. He was distinguished by a singular nobility of mind, and his influence was felt within the church and without. I have ever had an increasing admiration of his character during the twenty years I have known him. My last visit to the Holy Father two years ago is still fresh in my mind."

"I pray that the message of Cardinal Rampolla's cablegram that there is a ray of hope may be fulfilled."

Cardinal Gibbons is sixty-eight years old. He was created Cardinal-Archbishop by the Pope on June 7, 1886. It is known he believes there is little likelihood of an American being selected to the Papacy. In discussions of Leo XIII's successor, the name of Cardinal Gibbons has been mentioned. It has been stated that the United States is the only country in which conflicting interests have no part, and in which a man of impartial attitude might be found. A high prelate at the Vatican said recently that "an American Pope may be regarded no longer as a dream."

Pacing the deck of La Touraine to-day with a group of newspapermen, the Cardinal spoke feelingly of the dying Pontiff. His first question when approached by the press representatives was for the latest news from the Vatican.

"It is good that there has been no change," he said when told of the morning bulletin. "I cannot talk calmly of the Holy Father," he replied in his singularly gentle and courteous manner when asked for some personal anecdote or experience with the head of his church.

"The most appealing of his traits to me," he added, "has been his humaneness. Despite his ascetic rule of life and his absorption in things spiritual he has always been in touch with the great heart of humanity. No phase of human development escaped his keen intellect. He was ever alert to further any plan that would tend toward the amelioration of the race. He was not only the spiritual head of the church, but to the wide world he was a leader of economic thought, a guide to whom princes and peoples looked for guidance in their plans for social betterment."

"To know him intimately was to know that he was a big, kind-hearted human being, bereft of the many littlenesses of ordinary men. His nature was on the grand plan."

POPE'S REMARKABLE MEMORY.

"Of his intellectual capacity, it is useless to speak. With one phase not all the world is familiar. That is his prodigious memory. In the vast storehouse of his mind every incident of his life seemed to have its ordered place. Men whom he had met twenty years ago he recognized as though they had seen him but yesterday. Then he would recount the incidents of their last meeting. If they were European, he would ask for their families, their neighbors, showing familiarity that one would expect only from an intimate. If they were clerics, he would ask for the dioceses and institutions in which they were interested."

Asked of his movements after reaching Havre, the Cardinal said: "I shall go directly to Paris. After that it depends on circumstances whether I shall go to Rome. I may not reach Rome."

To a question whether his journey was in response to an official summons from Cardinal Rampolla, he answered: "I cannot reply to that. I have been in correspondence with the Papal Secretary and my journey is a result of that correspondence. The last cablegram I had from Cardinal Rampolla said that the condition of His Holiness was very grave, but there was still a glimmer of hope."

Cardinal Gibbons and his secretary occupy a three-room suite in the cabin of La Touraine. He was accompanied to the steamer by two sons of Mrs. Mary H. Kelley, widow of Major John H. Kelley, of No. 213 Clermont avenue, Brooklyn, at whose home the Cardinal passed the night.

Cardinal Gibbons said he was only slightly acquainted with Mgr. Volpini.

"I am shocked to hear of his death," said he, "for while not knowing him intimately I had met him on several occasions at the Vatican and was much impressed by his character."

Shortly before La Touraine pulled out of her berth His Eminence was compelled to hold an informal levee on the upper deck outside his state-room door so numerous were those who wished to bid him good-by. He granted several women the privilege of kissing his ring and gave his blessing to all.

Michael Jenkins, President of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, and of the Merchants and Miners' Trust Company of Baltimore, who accompanied the Cardinal from that city, remained with him aboard the liner until the last moment. It is not unlikely that he may follow him abroad.

MGR. VOLPONI DIES AND NEWS IS KEPT FROM POPE.

ROME, July 9.—Mgr. Volpini who was stricken with syncope yesterday in the Pope's antechamber, died early this morning, shortly after the doctors in attendance had announced that all hope of saving his life had been abandoned. Although the condition of the Pope is still the centre of interest, the case of Mgr. Volpini has attracted much attention, not only because of his office of Secretary of the Consistorial Congregation, but because he had just been appointed by Pope Leo, but also on account of the manner in which he was seized by his fatal illness, and it is hardly possible to describe the sensation and emotion which prevailed at the Vatican when his death was announced.

From the moment he was stricken and fell to the floor Mgr. Volpini lost entirely the power of speech and the use of the entire right side of

CARDINAL GIBBONS AS HE LEFT FOR ROME TO-DAY, PHOTOGRAPHED ON LA TOURAINE.



MGR. O'CONNELL MAY GET RED HAT.

In the event of Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli being selected as Pope by the papal conclave there is a possibility of a red hat coming to America for Mgr. O'Connell, the newly appointed President of the Catholic University at Washington. His friends in this city base the hope on an incident which occurred at a dinner given by Cardinal Vannutelli in Mgr. O'Connell's honor several evenings previous to his departure for America.

When the guests had gathered in Cardinal Vannutelli's library after dinner, Mgr. O'Connell, who sat beside his host, playfully reached over and, tak-

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HOW THE GREAT CHANGE CAME IN LEO'S CONDITION

Correspondent Visits the Papal Apartments and Describes the Wonderful Improvement Effected in a Night and How He Acted Before the Disquieting Relapse Came This Afternoon.

ROME, July 9, 1.15 P. M.—By special favor, the correspondent of the Associated Press here was allowed this morning to visit the Papal apartments, where he had an interview on the situation with one of the personages in attendance on the Pontiff, who said:

"The first positive sign of amelioration in the Pope's condition since he was taken ill was seen this morning. The august patient rested well enough during a great part of the night. It was not the sleep of prostration or collapse, but peaceful and natural, so much so that the benefit is quite visible to-day. His temperature is 96, which is quite normal, considering his age and present condition. What is important is that his temperature never rose above normal and never even approached a feverish state."

HIS HEART IS STRONGER.

"He now has a slight cough, and his kidneys are still deranged, but the secretion, although very scarce, is somewhat augmented, which proves that his heart is stronger and his circulation better, as demonstrated by the complete disappearance of cyanosis, so that his hands have again taken their natural almost diaphanous aspect."

"Dr. Laponi this morning informed the prelates who were waiting in the ante-chamber that he had examined the expectation of the Pope, and blood, clearly demonstrating the existence of pneumonia."

DR. LAPONI LOOKS HOPEFUL.

Every one noticed that while in the past Dr. Laponi never participated in the rejoicing and enthusiasm over the announced or imaginary amelioration in the Pope's condition, remaining always extremely reserved and anxious looking, this morning, for the first time, Dr. Laponi's face was tranquil and even hopeful looking, though it was said that he was very far from believing in a real, definite and lasting amelioration which would lead to the Pontiff's recovery.

"Pope Leo himself noticed at once on waking this morning that he was much refreshed and stronger, and he said with inimitable energy that he wanted to resume his ordinary life. He insisted on dressing himself almost entirely, and on afterward walking to his usual armchair, where he sat down and for the first time since he became ill went through his complete toilet arrangements."

INSISTED ON BEING SHAVED.

"He was not satisfied until he had been shaved, his beard having grown quite long during his sickness, after which, feeling his chin with his hand, he manifested great pleasure."

"As the Pope is much touched by the evidences of sympathy coming to him from all parts of the world, Dr. Laponi showed him some of the telegrams which had reached him as the Pope's physician, including the message from the Rev. Father Cleary, which was sent from Erie, Pa. The Pontiff was much satisfied. He said:

"The Americans have always shown me more affection than any other people. I love them."

ELEVATION FOR FATHER CLEARY.

"When this incident became known to the prelates in the ante-chamber, one of them exclaimed:

"If the Pope lives here is an American priest who will not be forgotten. He will be made a bishop, at least in the Philippines."

"The Pope having expressed a desire to see the newspapers and Dr. Laponi wishing to prevent him from reading any of the alarming news which has appeared even in the clerical journals, had a special edition of the Voce Della Verita (the Voice of Truth), the Vatican paper, printed for the Pope, who was delighted in hearing it read to him. Confidence in the steady amelioration in the Pope's condition, however, is so rooted in his affection for his immediate attendants and the other members of the Papal court that this morning there were few persons present in the ante-chamber when the medical bulletin was issued. During the past few days it has been badly overcrowded."

FRANCE WILL NOT CURB CONCLAVE.

PARIS, July 9.—Statements from Rome that Cardinal Mathieu was determined to exercise on behalf of France the ancient prerogative of veto in the papal conclave created surprise in Government circles here. At the Foreign Office it was said that the statement was untrue inasmuch as no such action could be taken without Governmental direction. No such instruction has been given to Cardinal Mathieu or any of the other French cardinals, nor will it be given. The Government has not contemplated the exercise of any influence over the conclave.

Cardinal Mathieu's presence at the Vatican is said here to be due to the fact that he is a member of the Curia Romana, or Papal Government, which necessitates his attendance under the circumstances.

Mme. Loubet was again a caller at the Papal Nunciature here today. Many of the old nobility have called regularly since the announcement of the Pope's serious illness, and prayers are offered hourly in the chapel attached to the nunciature.

can regarding the Pope's condition was received by the Papal Ablegate here to-day:

"News of to-day is more consoling. We trust in the efficacy of persevering prayers."

CLEARY CANNOT BE A BISHOP.

ERIE, Pa., July 9.—Cleary, the man who sent a despatch to the Pope's household which deeply affected His Holiness, is a layman instead of a priest.

At the Bishop's residence it was stated that the contents of the cablegram were entirely unknown to the Bishop or his household.

When told of the remark of a dignitary within the Papal circle to the effect that the sender of the despatch which so affected the Pope might be made a Bishop the news elicited a smile, followed by the remark that Mr. Cleary was a long ways off from having such honors tendered him, as he was but a layman within the church.

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